

## "Every man, woman, and child in Nueces County, a member of the Red Cross" Have your membership cards ready when the Committee calls Monday, Dec. 16th

### GEN. CABELL COMING TO INSPECT FOURTH ARTILLERY REGIMENT

A general inspection of the Fourth Field Artillery at Camp Barry and the General Hospital No. 15 at North Beach will be conducted next week by Major General Delmon C. Cabell, commander of the Southern Department, with headquarters at San Antonio.

Major Roy Miller was notified last night of the general's coming. It will be his first visit to Corpus Christi, and he will be assisted by Major Miller and Colonel George W. Van Dusen, commanding officer of the Fourth Field Artillery.

General Cabell is on a tour of inspection of the various camps in the Southern Department. He is expecting demobilization plans in Texas camps in accordance with War Department instructions.

The numerous details connected with the discharge of large numbers of men from the Fourth Field Artillery have been completed. Numerous orders and instructions relative to the demobilization of the duration-of-war men in the regiment have been turned out, and only final work is necessary to set the machinery in motion.

The order which will release the men may immediately follow General Cabell's visit. The men of the Fourth Artillery are extremely anxious to be freed before Christmas so that they can go back home to their civil pursuits, so well as spend the holidays with relatives from whom they have been separated for so long.

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### IRELAND MAY VOTE OUT SINN FEINERS AT ITS ELECTION TODAY

By The Associated Press.  
Dublin, Dec. 13.—The collapse of Germany is expected to exert a strong influence on the election of members of Parliament which takes place tomorrow. As John Dillon, the Irish Nationalist leader, said in the German collection, the Sinn Feiners think they had backed the wrong horse.

The Sinn Feiners contested the Nationalist seats in Parliament as a program of complete separation from England. Their candidates were pledged to refuse to attend the British Parliament if elected. For the most part the Sinn Feiners' candidates are present in English prisons held on a scale of being considered a danger to the British government.

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### SOLDIERS WILL KEEP UNIFORMS, OVERCOATS WHEN THEY ARE FREED

By The Associated Press.  
Washington, Dec. 13.—All discharged soldiers may permanently retain the uniform and army overcoat they wear when mustered out. Secretary of War Baker tonight announced. The secretary, in making the Military Department's decision, said that the War Department previously had planned to have each soldier returned to the government within three months after the soldiers were discharged.

Baker said he realized that it was the desire of a great number of the soldiers to keep their uniforms and overcoats as mementoes of their service in the army. Because of the great number of clothing now in the army, such clothing as will be worn by demobilized men will not materially affect the supply.

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 13.—Demobilization of all duration-of-war and overseas companies of Camp Bowie will begin at once, according to information given out Wednesday at camp headquarters. Orders directing that demobilization begin at once were received Thursday from the War Department. This will mean that approximately 5,000 soldiers now at Camp Bowie will reach their homes in time for Christmas dinner. The soldiers to be discharged are from Texas, Oklahoma and adjoining states. All first sergeants and sergeants are being sent together with their companies to the camp, among those who will be discharged. The Missouri dragoons will very likely be sent to Camp Funston for demobilization.

Some of the permanent camp organizations are included in Thursday's demobilization order.

### PORTO RICO FOR U. S.

By The Associated Press.  
San Juan, Dec. 13.—The United States has agreed to the transfer of the island of Porto Rico to the United States. The agreement was made today by the United States and the Spanish government. The island of Porto Rico is located in the Caribbean Sea, and is one of the largest islands in the world. It is a beautiful island with a rich history and a warm climate. The United States has agreed to take possession of the island on January 1, 1919.

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### SHOP EARLY IN THE MORNING



### SECURITY LEAGUE ASKS CONGRESS TO INQUIRE INTO ITS ACTIVITIES

New York, Dec. 13.—Colonel Charles F. Leonard, President of the National Security League, made public today the following letter sent to him by Speaker Clark of the House of Representatives on September 23 last, when Congressman Clark of Wisconsin made his original motion for a Congressional investigation of the National Security League.

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### FAMILY OF FOUR KILLED.

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### Wire Flashes

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### CHILE WILL NOT WAR WITH PERU, SAYS REPLY TO PRESIDENT WILSON

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### BAKER DECORATES MARCH WITH MEDAL FOR GREAT WORK DONE DURING WAR

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Washington, Dec. 13.—Upon recommendation of General Pershing and with President Wilson's approval, Secretary of War Baker today awarded the Distinguished Service Medal to General Peyton C. March, chief of staff.

In making the presentation before a large assemblage of army officers, Secretary Baker stressed the fact that the medal was won through efficient service in France as chief of the staff, and at home as chief of staff.

Excluding President Wilson, secretaries Baker and Secretary of the Navy Daniels, no other official at Washington has been chosen to the American people during the war than General March.

He has made it a custom for months to hold weekly conferences with the Washington newspapermen, and in this way has kept the American public in touch with what the nation was doing in the war.

### COTTON BAN OFF

Washington, Dec. 13.—Resignation of the cotton distribution committee of the War Trade Board and revocation of all regulations established by the committee was announced today. Maximum price on cotton fabrics will be allowed to expire December 31 and not to be renewed.

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### FRANCE WILD WITH JOY AT ARRIVAL OF PRESIDENT

MULTITUDES AT BREST STAGE UNPRECEDENTED DEMONSTRATION FOR AMERICA'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE—MARKED FIRST ENTRY OF UNITED STATES' LEADER INTO PERSONAL CONTACT WITH EUROPE AND ITS AFFAIRS—MET BY FRENCH HIGH OFFICIALS AND GENERAL PERSHING

### MAYOR ADDRESSES HIM "MESSENGER OF JUSTICE"

Mrs. Wilson Carries Bouquet and American Flag as She Walks Down Gangplank—Parisians Stay up All Night To See President When He Reaches Capital—City Jammed With Hundreds of Thousands of Visitors

By The Associated Press.

Brest, December 13.—A wild demonstration of popular enthusiasm and national sympathy such as rarely, if ever, has been accorded the head of a foreign government visiting France, President Wilson set foot on European soil at 3:25 o'clock this afternoon. He left Brest a half hour later for Paris, where tomorrow the heart of France will acclaim him as the nation's guest in a general holiday.

The landing of the President was not only a remarkable spectacle with a naval pageant, but also marked the first entry of an American president into personal contact with Europe and its affairs.

Foreign Minister Pichon and other French high officials, with General Pershing and Ambassador Sharp and other American representatives, greeted the President aboard the transport George Washington at 1:30 p. m., when it entered the harbor. The arrival of the American chief was announced by deafening salvos of artillery, both from battleships and coast defenses. Great cheering arose in the dense crowds lining the waterfront.

The allied naval spectacle was very imposing as the George Washington steamed into the harbor. The presidential vessel came in at the head of a long double-column of American dreadnaughts and destroyers, and a French cruiser column.

As the President's launch touched the pier the French and American guards presented arms, and several bands played the "Star-Spangled Banner" as the great multitudes cheered.

Mrs. Wilson came down the gangplank with General Pershing. She was met by an escort of American army nurses.

The President came ashore amid great applause. His face wreathed in smiles, he held his hat in hand, and bowed acknowledgments to the masses about him.

Foreign Minister Pichon escorted him to a beautifully conducted pavilion, where formal welcomes were made. The chief executive of the United States, democratic in every respect, was a striking figure as he stood there surrounded by old world statesmen, officials and generals of all the allied nations.

Every foot of the way to the railway station was packed with either American soldiers back from the front or with vast American war materials recently being rushed to the front.

Mrs. Wilson landed a moment before the President. As she came down the gangplank she carried a large bouquet in one hand and a small old American flag in the other. She waved the flag as the crowds broke into cheering.

The President's progress from the pier to the station was amidst a tremendous welcome such as no European city has ever before witnessed.

Mayor Gonde of Brest delivered an emotional address of welcome, saluting the President as the "messenger of justice and peace." The President made a brief reply.

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